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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 24, 2006, Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time, submits the requisite fee therefor, and requests that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.